

# **Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire Warrant and Budget 2016**

To the inhabitants of the TOWN OF HOPKINTON in the county of MERRIMACK in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**BALLOT VOTING:** You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 and 2.

**The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**DELIBERATIVE (DISCUSSION) MEETING:** You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon Articles 3 to 17.

## **Article 1: Election of Officers**

To choose all necessary town officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

1 Moderator	2 Year Term
2 Select Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
2 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

## **Article 2: Zoning Amendments**

To see what action the town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Table of Uses 3.6 inserting 3.6.F.20 Self-Service Storage Facility as a use prohibited in the residential and village commercial districts and permitted by Special Exception in the commercial and all industrial districts. Currently, use is not listed and therefore, not permitted.

**Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐

2. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend Section II Definitions inserting new definitions 2.1.D.4 Drive-in Eating Establishment, 2.1.R.4 Restaurant and 2.1.S.3 Self-Service Storage Facility. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions. Amendment is to provide definitions for already established uses and a new use listed in Table of Uses 3.6.
- Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐
3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend definition 2.1.M.1 Manufactured Housing, so that the language is consistent with NH RSA 674:31.
- Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐
4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend Section II Definitions, 2.1.S.7 Special Exception by inserting cross-reference to Section XV Board of Adjustment. Amendment is to assist readers in locating the specific criteria for a Special Exception.
- Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐
5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, 3.6.1 by inserting clarifying language to assist readers in understanding that Table of Uses 3.6 is divided into two parts, one for principal uses and the other for accessory uses. Provide further explanation as to the letters “P”, “S”, “X” or for uses not specified in the Ordinance. Clarify the fact that all uses are subject to the provisions of Section XII Wetlands Conservation District. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of uses; nor will it change the districts in which uses are currently permitted, permitted by special exception or not permitted.
- Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐
6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6 by relocating 3.6.A.7 Home Business, 3.6.A.10 Home Occupation, and 3.6.A.11 Telecommuting to Table of Uses 3.6.H. Uses will be designated as accessory uses, rather than principal uses. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of the uses; nor will it change the districts in which the uses are currently permitted or permitted by special exception.
- Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐
7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*  
Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6 by deleting the explanation in 3.6.F.1 Retail Establishment and instead, insert the explanation as new

definition 2.1.R.5 Retail Establishment. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of the use; nor will it change the districts in which the use is currently permitted, permitted by special exception or not permitted.

Yes ☐ No ☐

8. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 8** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VI Parking Requirements by deleting 6.4.6, requiring a special exception for use of public parking facilities to supplement or reduce the required minimum parking standards. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process as similar authority has already been given to the Planning Board in 6.1 Off-Street Parking and 6.2 Location of Parking Spaces.

Yes ☐ No ☐

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 9** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.6.2(c) and 7.9.3(a)(3) by deleting reference to “ten (10) feet” for the horizontal dimensions of free-standing signs and inserting in its place “five (5) feet” so that the language is consistent with the horizontal dimensions already established in 7.8.2. Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

Yes ☐ No ☐

10. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.9.3(a)(4) by deleting reference to “five (5) feet” for the distance that free-standing signs must be from any lot line and inserting in its place “ten (10) feet” so that the language is consistent with the distance already established in 7.6.2(c). Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 11** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section XVII Lighting Ordinance, 18.1 Title and Authority inserting 18.1.4 giving the Planning Board the authority, after testimony from the applicant, to alter specifications if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the Town and all other parties involved, and subject to any condition(s) the Planning Board deems appropriate. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process.

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Article 3: Bond Issue for Road, Bridge, and Culvert Rehabilitation**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$2,200,000 (gross budget) for the planning, design, rehabilitation, and construction of existing town roads, bridges, and culverts, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

*(2/3 Ballot vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 4: Bond Issue for Track and Turf Field**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,426,225 (gross budget) for the planning, design, renovation, construction and equipping athletic facilities at George's Park including the construction of a track and turf field and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,426,225 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

*(By Petition) - (2/3 Ballot vote required).*

*(The Select Board **does not** recommend this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee **does not** recommend this article (10-0)).*

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

**Article 5: Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 6,416,591 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 6: Motor Vehicle Fee and Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund**

To see if the town will vote in favor of the establishment of an additional \$ 5.00 motor vehicle registration fee collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles, antique motor vehicles and motorcycles, for the purpose of supporting a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, and to establish a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 261:153 VI for the purpose of funding wholly or in part, improvements to roads, culverts, and bridges. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

*(Majority Ballot vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 7: Establishment of Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Road and Bridge Rehabilitation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be placed in this fund; further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 8: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$329,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 155,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	70,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	2,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	35,000
Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment	30,000
Library Replacement Building	10,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	12,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 329,000</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 9: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 32,500 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	7,500
Hopkinton Library Technology Fund	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,500</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 10: Authorization to Enter Agreement for Solar Panels on the Fire Station**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to lease land owned by the Town at the Contoocook Fire Station, 9 Pine Street, for the purpose of installing a solar panel array, with a term not to exceed 20 years

*(2/3 Ballot vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,776 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-1)).*

**Article 12: Rescind Pay-by-Bag**

To see if the town will vote to rescind article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2016 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay by Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay by Bag" will become effective on April 15, 2016.

*(By Petition).*

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board does not recommend this article (3-2)).*

**Article 13: Setting of Bag Prices**

To see if the town will vote to continue the current price of the Pay-by-Bag bas as follows: 13 gallon bags - \$ 0.75 and 33 gallon bags - \$ 1.25.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 14: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,869 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund No Funds to be raised by taxation.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

**Article 15: Petition New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics**

To see if the town will urge "That the next President and congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:

1. Ban super PACs and overturn Citizens United
2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency
3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors
4. Establish small-donor-funded elections
5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration
6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda."

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Hopkinton's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

*(By Petition) – (Majority Vote Required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (3-2)).*

**Article 16: To Hear the Reports of Agents, Officers and Committees**

To hear the reports of agents, officers and committees, heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 17: Other Legal Business**

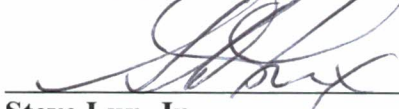
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, 2016,

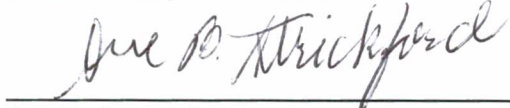
We certify and attest that on or before February 22, 2016, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Hall, the Bates Building, and on the town website, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

  
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Jim O'Brien, Chair

  
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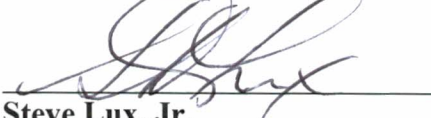
  
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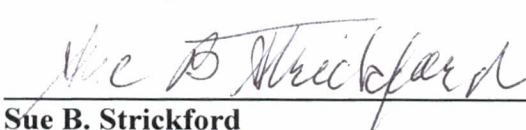
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